

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	:	Kyoichi SASAKI, et al.
Appl. No.	:	10/521,205
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For	:	COMPONENT FOR CONNECTING OPTICAL FIBERS, OPTICAL FIBER CONNECTION STRUCTURE, AND OPTICAL FIBER CONNECTION METHOD
Examiner	:	Hoang Q. Tran
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 2, 2008

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 2, 2008, please reconsider the present application in light of the following amendments and comments.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.